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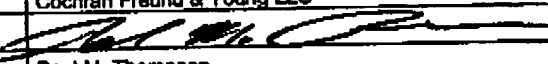
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Group Art Unit: 1651

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2006, in the above-identified patent application, kindly consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-25 are currently pending in the instant patent application. In the subject Office Action, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims in the following patentably distinct groups: Group I corresponding to claims 1-8; Group II corresponding to claims 9-17; and Group III corresponding to claims 18-25.

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121, applicants elect Group II corresponding to claims 9-17, without traverse.